



## *Memorandum*

May 4, 2015

**To:** City Council, Interim City Manager, Assistant City Manager, City Attorney,  
Assistant City Attorney Mobaldi, Communications Manager, City Planner,  
Associate Planner Shannon Wernecke

**From:** Assistant City Clerk

**Re:** **ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATION RE: CITY COUNCIL ITEM NO. 11 – MAY 5, 2015  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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The attached comments received today by the City Clerk's Office for City Council Item No. 11 for the May 5, 2015 City Council meeting are summarized as follows:

3 comments in support.

129 comments in opposition.

  
SHELLEY COLLINS, CMC



**City Hall**

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LAND USE PLANNING AND CONSULTATION

## MEMORANDUM

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CITY OF CARLSBAD  
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

DATE: May 4, 2015  
TO: Carlsbad City Clerk  
FROM: Mike Howes, AICP  
SUBJECT: MCUP 14-17 Gunther Guns Indoor Shooting Range

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Please provide the attached two documents to the City Council at their briefings prior to the City Council hearing tomorrow night.

One is a letter from Bill Rowland addressing the lead issue. This letter was a part of the Planning Commission staff report, but was left out of the Agenda Bill for the City Council.

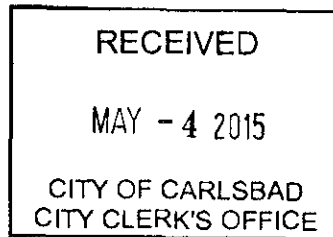
The second is testimony that was provided at the Planning Commission hearing from one of the speakers, but was not included in the Planning Commission minutes.

cc Don Neu

Attachments

February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Carlsbad Planning Commission  
1200 Carlsbad Village Drive  
Carlsbad, CA 92008



RE: MCUP 14-17 – Gunther's Guns Shooting Range

Dear Members of the Carlsbad Planning Commission

My name is William Rowland. I am writing to you to point out what I believe are some misconceptions provided to you by City Planning Staff in their report recommending that you deny the appeal by Lisa Gunther regarding MCUP-14-17.

While I cannot address the issues of zoning I do have specific expertise in the area of shooting range design, development and operations including issues of maintenance and lead management. My professional background is as a Law Enforcement officer. I served 28 years with the Carlsbad Police Department and retired as a Captain in late 2013. During my career I served as a firearms instructor, department armorer, firearms training supervisor and weapons training unit manager. I have been a member of the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF), the National Association of Shooting Ranges (NASR) and completed the National Rifle Association's range development training course. I served as the principle police member of the City team that developed, designed and constructed the City of Carlsbad's state of the art Public Safety Training Center. (STC)

When we set out to develop an indoor training facility with live fire shooting ranges one of the major considerations was how to maintain a safe and healthy environment for our training staff and officers. Lead exposure is one of a number of health and safety issues for those who work regularly with firearms especially in an enclosed range. What we found is that with careful design and effective operations policies, maintenance routines and cleaning practices we could effectively mitigate the problems caused by airborne lead and other contaminants. With these BMPs in place we have run the (SCT) for over two years and 10s of thousands of rounds fired with no environmental or health related problems. This has been verified by independent environmental testing and regular employee health monitoring. These practices are not difficult to implement or maintain and are consistent for all shooting facilities either publicly or privately owned. I am familiar with the conceptual plans for the Gunther's facility and know that they are well aware of these issues and have the same level of commitment to the health and welfare of their future customers as we have for our City employees.

I would like to draw your attention to **Attachments #9 and #12**. Both of these documents explain the appropriate design, construction and subsequent maintenance practices that support the development and operation of a safe indoor shooting range. **Attachment #9** Lead Management and OSHA Compliance for Indoor Shooting Ranges, produced by NSSF, is an updated version of one of the documents I used when planning the design and operation of the shooting ranges at the Carlsbad SCT.

**Attachment #8** produced by the Centers for Disease Control focuses primarily on a limited number (by comparison with the number of recreational shooters nationwide) of lead exposure cases. It appears that most of those that they cited from shooting facilities were not maintained to proper standards.

**Attachment #11** an article from the Seattle Times appears to be reporting with a particular bias. They appear to have focused on some tragic but exceptional case studies to make a dramatic point. These stories from poorly designed or maintained facilities should have no bearing on the application before you. Staff has presented no evidence that the Gunther's intend to build a facility and then not properly maintain it. That would definitely not be in their best interest as community members or as a business entity which depends on satisfied customers for their livelihood.

**Attachment #10** "Poisonous Pastime, The Health Risks of Shooting Ranges and Lead to Children, Families and the Environment" I found the opening paragraphs of the document alluding to a link between lead exposure at shooting ranges to "violent criminal activity" or "spree shooting" off putting. Ingesting lead is definitely hazardous and can have detrimental health impacts but historically, children with high lead levels have been linked to lead tainted paint and other domestic sources of contamination. As with the other articles the reference to outdoor ranges and lead management has no bearing on the indoor project up for your consideration.

While dramatic stories of contamination may be compelling they are certainly not the norm. Unfortunately in this case I think it may also be overstated. I have been a recreational shooter since I was 16 and have spent more time on ranges both indoor and outdoor than most gun owners or casual shooters ever will. I have taught shooting skills and safe firearms handling to youth camp attendees and police officers alike and I have never experienced any ill effects from these activities. As a law enforcement officer, where firearms are an unavoidable part of daily life, I chose to teach my own children gun safety and let them shoot when they were old enough to understand the safety concepts. As pre-teens they often accompanied me to the City's old outdoor range and even helped in picking up brass and cleaning up. This was well before we adopted updated range maintenance equipment and clean-up consisted of regular soap and water. My son is now a High School teacher and my daughter is a PhD candidate conducting cancer research at a prominent University.

In conclusion, while managing lead exposure is an important consideration in the operation of an indoor shooting range, current range designs, proper air and material handling equipment and effective maintenance practices make it an easily managed. Based on my professional training and experience I believe that using the lead issue as a pretense for recommending denial of the Gunther's MCUP request would be improper and unsupported by the evidence presented to you. I regret that I am not able to address you directly due to scheduling issues. I encourage you to visit the Carlsbad Safety Training Center if you would like to see first-hand how cleanly and efficiently a well-designed and well maintained indoor shooting range can be managed.

Sincerely,

William Rowland

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target shooting.” (<https://www.ncirs.gov/pdffiles/105476.pdf>)

**following:**

1. Camp Pendleton designates its range which is available for casual shooting as the "Recreational Outdoor Shooting Range. Of course zoning and planning regulations are not applicable on Camp Pendleton.
2. Poway Weapons & Gear's indoor range has 42,000+ square feet, 42 lanes and three separate ranges – 25, 50 and 100 yards it is the third largest indoor gun range in the nation. This range is located at 13550 Danielson Street, Poway, 25 miles from the proposed Gunther's Gun Shooting Range. The Poway Weapons & Gear shooting range is located on property zoned LI (Light Industrial) and was unanimously approved by the Poway City Council in February 2013.
3. Iron Sights' Gear's indoor range is a smaller range with 24 lanes and has 2 separate ranges – 15 and 25 yards. This range is located at 618 Airport Rd. Oceanside, 10 miles from the proposed Gunther's Gun Shooting Range the property is zoned IL which allows recreation facilities.
4. American Shooting Center indoor range is a small range with 14 twenty-five yard lanes. This range is located at 5590 Ruffin Rd, San Diego, 26 miles from the proposed Gunther's Gun Shooting Range the property is zoned IL-2-1 which allows recreation facilities.
5. The Gun Range San Diego's indoor range is a small range with 13 twenty-five yard lanes. This range is located at 7853 Balboa Ave, San Diego, 26 miles from the proposed Gunther's Gun Shooting Range the property is zoned IL-3-1 which allows recreation facilities.

6. San Diego Firearms Training Center's indoor range is a small range with 10 twenty-five yard lanes. This range is located at 12150 Flint Pl, Poway, 25 miles from the proposed Gunther's Gun Shooting Range the property is zoned LI which allows recreation facilities
7. P2K Range's indoor range is a larger facility with 11 twenty-five yard, 2 fifty yard and 7 one-hundred yard lanes. This range is located at 2082 Willow Glen Drive, El Cajon, 40 miles from the proposed Gunther's Gun Shooting Range the property has a land use designation A72 and a zoning of SR-4, semi-rural residential which allows participant sports and recreation.

All of these ranges have a sophisticated purging filtered ventilation system for cleaner air for the shooter and surrounding properties that effectively surpass all NIOSH, NRA, and OSHA air quality standards.

The old saw, "Comparisons are odious", may seem to apply here. However the point of examining other agency zoning regulations as they apply to this case is that for every indoor shooting range in the cities located in San Diego County and San Diego County has been approved and is located within a planning zone that allows shooting ranges to be included under the designation of "Recreational Uses". For the planner to determine that recreational use does not include an indoor shooting range is arbitrary and capricious.

#### Firearms and Lead Contamination Safety

1. Data sources including the National Center for Health Statistics, the National Safety Council, the Bureau of the Census, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and firearms industry reports, the 2009 Fact Sheet on Firearms Accidents proves that despite a doubling of our country's population since 1930, and a quintupling in the number of privately owned firearms, the annual number of accidental firearms deaths has decreased 75%. In fact, the fatal firearm accident rate has decreased 92% since the all-time high recorded in 1904. Nationwide, the annual number of fatal firearm accidents among children has decreased 86% since 1975.
2. Comparisons to Other Sports - The National Safety Council's *Injury Facts 2008 Edition*, as well as the International Hunter Education Association, the fact sheet reveals that only 2 people per 100,000 are injured while enjoying the sport of hunting, compared to 2,585 who are injured while playing football, 1,984 basketball players, 1,349 bicycle riders, 1,332 soccer players, 1,296 skateboarders and 1,122 baseball players (all per 100,000).

If you have any questions I would be pleased to respond. Thank you

**Morgen Fry**

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**From:** Janis Musante <Janismus@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 01, 2015 10:55 AM  
**To:** Council Internet Email  
**Subject:** Shooting range

Council people:

I fail to see any justification whatsoever for you to reverse the Permit Office and allow a shooting range. We are a community of young families. Why would we need a shooting range? Why would this Council do anything to encourage the use of guns? Please reject the appeal.

Thank you.

Janis Musante  
7127 Tanager Drive  
Carlsbad 92011

Sent from my iPhone

## Sherry Freisinger

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**From:** Council Internet Email  
**Sent:** Monday, May 04, 2015 10:09 AM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** FW: Proposed Gun Range

-----Original Message-----

From: Art Ferber [mailto:artferber@gmail.com]  
Sent: Sunday, May 03, 2015 11:04 AM  
To: Council Internet Email  
Subject: Proposed Gun Range

Dear Council Members,

We are NOT in support of a recreational shooting range in Carlsbad. It sets a negative tone for our Carlsbad community and strongly urge the City Council to reject this business permit.

Art & Eileen Ferber  
6746 Barberry Pl.  
Carlsbad



## Sherry Freisinger

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**From:** Council Internet Email  
**Sent:** Monday, May 04, 2015 10:09 AM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** FW: Indoor shooting range

**From:** Susan Marsteller [mailto:susan.marsteller@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 03, 2015 2:58 PM  
**To:** Council Internet Email  
**Subject:** Indoor shooting range

Dear council,

As a long time resident, mother, and grandmother, I would like to express, that I am strongly opposed to having an indoor shooting range as a part of Carlsbad. I feel this will bring safety concerns we don't want, or need. These would include air quality, noise and use of lead, which is a hazardous material. There is already a range in Oceanside. I live in Poinsettia Cove and not one neighbor I have spoken to, wants this here.

A concerned resident,  
Susan Marsteller

## Sherry Freisinger

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**From:** Council Internet Email  
**Sent:** Monday, May 04, 2015 10:09 AM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** FW: 126 signers: Say "NO" to Shooting Range in Carlsbad petition

**From:** Narima Lopes [mailto:petitions@moveon.org]  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 02, 2015 1:37 AM  
**To:** Council Internet Email  
**Subject:** 126 signers: Say "NO" to Shooting Range in Carlsbad petition

Dear Carlsbad City Council,

I started a petition to you titled Say "NO" to Shooting Range in Carlsbad. So far, the petition has 126 total signers.

You can post a response for us to pass along to all petition signers by clicking here:  
[http://petitions.moveon.org/target\\_talkback.html?tt=tt-91970-custom-57038-20250502-Yn2jCf](http://petitions.moveon.org/target_talkback.html?tt=tt-91970-custom-57038-20250502-Yn2jCf)

The petition states:

"Stop the proposed shooting range in Carlsbad"

To download a PDF file of all your constituents who have signed the petition, including their addresses, click this link: [http://petitions.moveon.org/deliver\\_pdf.html?job\\_id=1501283&target\\_type=custom&target\\_id=57038](http://petitions.moveon.org/deliver_pdf.html?job_id=1501283&target_type=custom&target_id=57038)

To download a CSV file of all of your constituents who have signed the petition, including their addresses, click this link:  
[http://petitions.moveon.org/deliver\\_pdf.html?job\\_id=1501283&target\\_type=custom&target\\_id=57038&csv=1](http://petitions.moveon.org/deliver_pdf.html?job_id=1501283&target_type=custom&target_id=57038&csv=1)

Thank you.

--Narima Lopes

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*If you have any other questions, please email [petitions@moveon.org](mailto:petitions@moveon.org).*

*The links to download the petition as a PDF and to respond to all of your constituents will remain available for the next 14 days.*

*This email was sent through MoveOn's petition website, a free service that allows anyone to set up their own online petition and share it with friends. MoveOn does not endorse the contents of petitions posted on our public petition website. If you don't want to receive further emails updating you on how many people have signed this petition, click here:*

[http://petitions.moveon.org/delivery\\_unsub.html?e=ZpgoUs5\\_oMFyOp59MlvCj2NvdW5jaWxAY2FybHNiYWRjYS5nb3Y-&petition\\_id=91970](http://petitions.moveon.org/delivery_unsub.html?e=ZpgoUs5_oMFyOp59MlvCj2NvdW5jaWxAY2FybHNiYWRjYS5nb3Y-&petition_id=91970).

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Dear Carlsbad City Council,

We are pleased to present you with this petition affirming this statement:

**"Stop the proposed shooting range in Carlsbad"**

Attached is a list of individuals who have added their names to this petition, as well as additional comments written by the petition signers themselves.

Sincerely,  
Narima Lopes

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Cherise Lopes-Baker  
Encinitas, CA 92024  
May 2, 2015

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Allie rubey  
Carlsbad, CA 92009  
May 1, 2015

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Carl Sawyer  
Del Mar, CA 92014  
May 1, 2015

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Put it indoors if you have to have a shooting range. Do not support gun use.

Janis Musante  
Carlsbad, CA 92011  
May 1, 2015

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Niru  
carlsbad, CA 92009  
Apr 30, 2015

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Manish Adhiya  
carlsbad, CA 92009  
Apr 30, 2015

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I am extremely against a shooting range being in Carlsbad's Industrial Park or ANYWHERE IN CARLSBAD FOR THAT MATTER!!!!!!

Jean Stringer  
Carlsbad, CA 92009  
Apr 30, 2015

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Seema  
Carlsbad, CA 92009  
Apr 30, 2015

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Jamie Zamoff  
Carlsbad, CA 92009  
Apr 30, 2015

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Please no shooting range in Carlsbad

Jayshree  
Carlsbad, CA 92009  
Apr 30, 2015

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Tara J Guinn Clark  
Carlsbad, CA 92009  
Apr 30, 2015

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Courtney Savage  
carlsbad, CA 92010  
Apr 30, 2015

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How soon we forget. The shooting at Kelly does not need to be repeated. Protect our schools, our children and our community. No! No! No! Please No Shooting Range in Carlsbad.

Kelly Bandemer  
Carlsbad, CA 92018  
Apr 30, 2015

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susan baldner  
carlsbad, CA 92011  
Apr 30, 2015

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carlos Dinamarca  
Carlsbad, CA 92009  
Apr 30, 2015

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William Fowler  
Carlsbad, CA 92010  
Apr 30, 2015

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I have been a resident for almost 18 years.. I DO NOT want a shooting range in my city and will pay CLOSE ATTENTION as to how my city council members vote!

Ann Madison  
Carlsbad, CA 92011  
Apr 30, 2015

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Anastasia Rose  
Del Mar, CA 92014  
Apr 30, 2015

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James Krupiarz  
Carlsbad, CA 92011  
Apr 30, 2015

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No to the shooting range. The planning commission is right on this one.

Victoria Syage  
Carlsbad, CA 92011  
Apr 30, 2015

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Remember Kelley School Shootings- please don't support guns!

Elizabeth Cooke  
Carlsbad, CA 92009  
Apr 30, 2015

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STOP THIS NONSENSE OF TAKING AWAY LIVES OF INNOCENT PEOPLE - WE NEED A PEACE  
FLAG IN EVERY CORNER OF THIS PLANET OF OURS AND LIVE HAPPY!!!

Julia Noronha Rodrigues  
Signal Hill, CA 90755  
Apr 30, 2015

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Althea Nixon  
Carlsbad, CA 92009  
Apr 30, 2015

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David Walker  
Carlsbad, CA 92009  
Apr 30, 2015

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Marla Gunasegaram  
Carlsbad, CA 92009  
Apr 30, 2015

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Definitely No to Shooting Range in Carlsbad

Chiaying Lin  
Carlsbad, CA 92009  
Apr 30, 2015

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Diana ecker  
Carlsbad, CA 92010  
Apr 30, 2015

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Staci renert  
Carlsbad, CA 92009  
Apr 30, 2015

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We do not need this in Carlsbad!!

Eli Dinamarca  
Carlsbad, CA 92009  
Apr 30, 2015

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Bad idea to promote ranges in our community when they are not zoned. I support the right to own guns and iron sides is close enough. Why not zone the area for stip clubs while you are at it?

Michael Clarke  
Carlsbad, CA 92009  
Apr 30, 2015

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Christina Zamoff  
Carlsbad, CA 92009  
Apr 30, 2015

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Sharldne White  
Oceanside, CA 92056  
Apr 30, 2015

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It is time to learn from the lessons of gun violence. Please do not put our children in harms way.

Roma  
Elgin, SC 29229  
Apr 30, 2015

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Teresa Mundy  
Carlsbad, CA 92009  
Apr 29, 2015

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vera shadi  
encinitas, CA 92024  
Apr 29, 2015

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susan locker  
Carlsbad, CA 92011  
Apr 29, 2015

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Kasha cohen  
Carlsbad, CA 92009  
Apr 29, 2015

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Skye O'Grady  
Carlsbad, CA 92011  
Apr 29, 2015

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Why do we need more violence ??this is encouraging others to shoot ?? If YOU really want something in CARLSBAD then please come with some sensitive proposal !NO SHOTTING range PLEASE !!

Pragna Mehta  
CARLSBAD, CA 92009  
Apr 29, 2015



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Lena Paredes  
Carlsbad, CA 92009  
Apr 29, 2015

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Sherry Barbes  
Carlsbad, CA 92011  
Apr 29, 2015

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Kara Lani  
Oceanside, CA 92054  
Apr 29, 2015

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Brenda Parker  
Carlsbad, CA 92009  
Apr 29, 2015

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"NO" to Shooting Range in Carlsbad.

Suresh Mehta  
Carlsbad, CA 92009  
Apr 28, 2015

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Joann Kocyk  
San Marcos, CA 92078  
Apr 28, 2015

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Kelly Brannigan  
Oceanside, CA 92058  
Apr 28, 2015

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No shooting range in Carlsbad, please

Lata Kumar  
Carlsbad, CA 92009  
Apr 28, 2015

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Niravdesai7@hotmail.com  
Carlsbad, CA 92011  
Apr 28, 2015

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No to shooting range

Nirav desai  
Calsbad, CA 92011  
Apr 28, 2015

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We do not want nor need a shooting range in carlsbad. Seem negligent to allow one near schools. Oceanside has a range 15 minutes away, that should be sufficient for anyone who feels a need to shoot a gun.

Bob andrews  
Carlsbad, CA 92011  
Apr 28, 2015

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Sasha Andrews  
Carlsbad, CA 92011  
Apr 28, 2015

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Definitely not. Not in mt backyard.

sudesh kumar  
carlsbad, CA 92009  
Apr 28, 2015

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Sukumar Shah  
CARLSBAD, CA 92009  
Apr 28, 2015

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Larry Wampler  
Carlsbad, CA 92009  
Apr 28, 2015

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Jamels Isoda  
Vista, CA 92081  
Apr 28, 2015

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Rural areas are a better choice for shooting ranges should there be any. Keep shooting ranges away from family oriented communities and city environments.

Vicky Jans  
Encinitas, CA 92024  
Apr 28, 2015

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Sharon McFalls  
El Cajon, CA 92021  
Apr 28, 2015

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we do not need a shooting range in our community

Mary Borevitz  
San Marcos, CA 92069-9715  
Apr 28, 2015

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Jennifer Batra  
Carlsbad, CA 92009

Apr 28, 2015

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Toni Rondinelli  
Oceanside, CA 92054  
Apr 28, 2015

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Victoria Binkerd  
Santee, CA 92071  
Apr 28, 2015

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This is not the kind of activity I want to see in Carlsbad as a resident. I am sure there are other places in the County shooters can go.

Carrie Bedord  
Carlsbad, CA 92011  
Apr 28, 2015

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Sara Ohara  
Encinitas, CA 92024  
Apr 28, 2015

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PUT THE GUN SHOP PUT OF BUSINESS> NO NO NO NO GUNS!!!!

Jody Hood  
Carlsbad, CA 92009  
Apr 28, 2015

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No to the shooting range in Carlsbad!

Susan Sears  
Carlsbad, CA 92009  
Apr 28, 2015

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I am against guns. We do not want this range near us.

Sonal Shah  
Carlsbad, CA 92011  
Apr 28, 2015

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I don't think we need to promote gun use in any form, but especially not as a form of recreation. There are so many other recreational activities available. And to have such a shop anywhere near a school? That just screams trouble. I am against it.

Erin Newton  
Carlsbad, CA 92009  
Apr 28, 2015

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Christine Hamparyan  
Carlsbad, CA 92009

Apr 28, 2015

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Ursula Centers  
Carlsbad, CA 92009  
Apr 28, 2015

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Heather Wagy  
encinitas, CA 92024  
Apr 27, 2015

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jim rondinelli  
Oceanside, CA 92054  
Apr 27, 2015

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Aisha ayazi  
sedona, AZ 86336  
Apr 27, 2015

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Jonathan Yorck  
eugene, OR 97405  
Apr 27, 2015

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Elizabeth wilkinson  
Encinitas, CA 92024  
Apr 27, 2015

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Janet  
Eugene, OR 97405  
Apr 27, 2015

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Cheri McClaughry  
rocklin, CA 95765  
Apr 27, 2015

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Najoo Panthaky  
Carlsbad, CA 92010  
Apr 27, 2015

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Simona Hellinger  
Carlsbad, CA 92011  
Apr 27, 2015

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Jeff Ringel  
Hillsborough, NJ 08844  
Apr 27, 2015

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Victoria Davis  
CARLSBAD, CA 92009  
Apr 27, 2015

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Julie Pynes  
San Diego, CA 92130  
Apr 27, 2015

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Seth Venezia  
Carlsbad, CA 92009  
Apr 27, 2015

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Charles Dodson  
Carlsbad, CA 92011  
Apr 27, 2015

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Lora Zaroff  
Carlsbad, CA 92010  
Apr 27, 2015

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What I feel is that a shooting range is better than people sighting in their guns in the open or practicing shooting in the open but I support the people of Carlsbad that do not want anything like this in their City. What I think is much more important than this is Background Checks!!! That is what we should be pushing for is Background checks just like Oregon is.

Sheila Kadah  
Oceanside, CA 92057  
Apr 27, 2015

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Elyse Matson  
Carlsbad, CA 92009  
Apr 27, 2015

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Allison Borts  
Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067  
Apr 27, 2015

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Outrageous idea to have guns anywhere near schools.

Judith Birnberg  
Sherman Oaks, CA 91423  
Apr 27, 2015

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Patricia Hansen  
Carlsbad, CA 92008  
Apr 27, 2015

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Samuel McKee  
Long Branch, NJ 07740  
Apr 27, 2015

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Eileen Miller  
Carlsbad, CA 92009  
Apr 27, 2015

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We do not need a gun range in Carlsbad, we need more OPEN SPACE and less development!

Amanda M.  
Oceanside, CA 92056  
Apr 27, 2015

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Kelly McMahon  
Santa Rosa, CA 95409  
Apr 27, 2015

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I work in Carlsbad, I can't imagine a need for a shooting range, there are too many gun incidents now in our country!

wendy hall  
encinitas, CA 92024  
Apr 27, 2015

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I do not want a shooting range in my town

Nasrin Weigley  
Carlsbad, CA 92010  
Apr 27, 2015

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Gwen Lauren Meitchik  
Carlsbad, CA 92009  
Apr 27, 2015

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Jill Transki  
Santa Barbara, CA 93108  
Apr 27, 2015

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Lynda  
Carlsbad, CA 92010  
Apr 27, 2015

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absolutely opposed to a gun range in my back yard!

Gloria Merriam  
Carlsbad, CA 92009  
Apr 27, 2015

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Bad idea to have a shooting range close to schools. Every parent should be concerned and vote "NO"

Rohinton & Najoo Panthaky  
Carlsbad, CA 92010  
Apr 27, 2015

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Nita  
Carlsbad, CA 92008  
Apr 27, 2015

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Ceseley Nicholson  
Santa Rosa, CA 95405  
Apr 27, 2015

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Susan cutri  
Cardiff, CA 92006  
Apr 27, 2015

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Tricia  
Carlsbad, CA 92009  
Apr 27, 2015

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Michele  
Carlsbad, CA 92009  
Apr 27, 2015

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Sophie  
Houston, TX 77005  
Apr 27, 2015

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My son goes to Pacific Ridge School and the last thing I want to worry about is a gun range walking distance from his school! No!

Erin Hawk  
Encinitas, CA 92024  
Apr 27, 2015

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Barbara White  
Carlsbad, CA 92009  
Apr 27, 2015

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Yaz F Bilimoria  
Carlsbad, CA 92010  
Apr 27, 2015

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It's a STUPID idea and one that should be rejected for all the obvious reasons. NO to a shooting range!!

Manek Dustoor  
Carlsbad, CA 92009  
Apr 27, 2015

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Keep our kids safe!

Beatrice Shushan  
Carlsbad, CA 92008  
Apr 27, 2015

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NO to shooting range

vani  
Carlsbad, CA 92011  
Apr 27, 2015

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Barbara Mead  
Carlsbad, CA 92011  
Apr 26, 2015

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olga  
carlsbad, CA 92009  
Apr 26, 2015

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I'm shocked and surprised that in such a heavily populated area we are trying to get a gun range. I know that gun ranges are used by the 99.99% responsible persons - but it really is the 0.01% we have to worry about- Risk= probability of happening\*consequence. With the constant litany of people having access to guns- who should have not had- inflicting harm on the local public- it's inconceivable you would be taking this risk. Have the gun owner take personal responsibility for everyone who picks up a gun on his/her range- I'm willing to bet they will not. That says it all.

David Baker  
Carlsbad, CA 92011  
Apr 26, 2015

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Pacific Ridge School ( Private 7-12 ) is located i or 2 miles from the proposed shooting range which must NOT be allowed.

nancy k. lee  
carlsbad, CA 92008  
Apr 26, 2015

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We do Not need a gun store or a shooting range in Carlsbad. Please DO NOT approve this!!!! I'm very concerned for our city and the nearby neighborhoods.

Lynn Selzer



Encinitas, CA 92024  
Apr 26, 2015

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Aliza Lopes-Baker  
Carlsbad, CA 92021  
Apr 26, 2015

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Aura christian  
Carlsbad, CA 92008  
Apr 26, 2015

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Randy Norris  
Oceanside, CA 92056  
Apr 26, 2015

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Robin Friedheim  
Carlsbad, CA 92011-4027  
Apr 26, 2015

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arlene drucker  
San Diego, CA 92110-1247  
Apr 26, 2015

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We want our children safe from guns

Patricia McFarlane  
Oceanside, CA 02057  
Apr 26, 2015

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I certainly hope the city fathers have enough concern for safety of all, especially our small citizens. WE not need more guns or facilities that encourage shooting, in the city

K T BOSE  
carlsbad, CA 92009  
Apr 26, 2015

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Narima Lopes  
Carlsbad, CA 92011  
Apr 26, 2015

**Donna Heraty**

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**From:** Steve Gideon <stevegideon@me.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 01, 2015 1:47 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** Recreational shooting range

To Whom it may concern,

I've been made aware that Gunthers is attempting to get approval to open a shooting range in Carlsbad. This would be very beneficial to me and my family, and I urge you to please approve this range. It would allow us all to enjoy our sport, while staying in our home city. I would much rather have my hard earned money going to the City of Carlsbad rather than another city.

Thank you for your ear,

Regards,

Steve Gideon

**Donna Heraty**

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**From:** Zac Kalembe <zjkalembe@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 01, 2015 9:42 AM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** Gunther Guns recreational shooting range

Sir or Madame,

I am writing to you in regard to the Gunther Guns recreational shooting range that has been voted on by the Carlsbad Planning Commission. As a local, responsible, father and businessman, I fully support the need for a local shooting range in Carlsbad. I do not understand why the local officials are so against a local business trying to meet the needs of local gun owners. A gun range is a necessity for responsible gun owners. A place we can safely teach and practice our sport, would be a great addition to Carlsbad.

I feel that the local officials, specifically, city planner Don Neu, is abusing his power and casting his own political views and opinions on me and my family and friends. Shooting is a recreational sport, enjoyed by 40 million Americans. Carlsbad residents deserve the right to enjoy our sport in our town. Additionally, it will help the community through increased revenue, not just for Gunther but other local businesses as well.

I fully support the addition of a Gun Range at 2717 Loker Avenue West in Carlsbad. Carlsbad has already approved and operates a shooting range for its city employees (Carlsbad Police). The citizens deserve this right and ability as well.

Respectfully,  
Zac Kalembe

Zac Kalembe  
1808 Aston Ave  
Carlsbad, CA 92008  
760.814.3952

## Sherry Freisinger

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**From:** Jeff Lucia <jeff.lucia@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 04, 2015 3:58 PM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** FOR COUNCIL: Letter regarding proposed recreational shooting range in Carlsbad

2356 Adler Creek Lane  
Fallbrook, CA 92028  
May 4, 2015

Carlsbad City Council  
1635 Faraday Avenue  
Carlsbad, CA 92008

Dear Council Members:

It is my understanding that a Carlsbad city planner has asserted that the proposed recreational shooting range to be located at 2717 Loker Avenue West, Suite B, is not a permitted or conditionally permitted use, nor is it similar to permitted or conditionally permitted uses, including the category of recreational facilities. I further understand that the Planning Commission, in a tie vote, upheld the planner's finding after being asked to vote only on whether the planner had abused his position in making this determination.

In fairness to residents and the business owners who applied for the permit, I urge you to reconsider the issue on its own merits. Whether the planner abused his power or erred unintentionally is, at this point, an employment matter. The issue at hand is, and ought to be, the accuracy of the planner's determination, not his intent.

I ask you to consider the following points:

### 1. Recreational shooting is a recreational activity.

The permit denial was based largely or wholly on the premise that the proposed recreational shooting range would not constitute recreational use. **Recreational shooting at target ranges is unquestionably a recreational activity, widely recognized by many official public agencies.** Examples include:

- U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management (<http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/prog/recreation/hunting.html>)
- U.S. Census Bureau and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation (<https://www.census.gov/prod/2012pubs/fhwl11-nat.pdf>)
- U.S. Department of Agriculture/U.S. Forest Service (<http://www.fs.usda.gov/activity/sbnf/recreation/otheractivities/?recid=26225&actid=106>)
- United States Marine Corps (<http://www.pendleton.marines.mil/PendletonNews/NewsArticleDisplay/tabid/5440/Article/537946/recreational-shooting-tournament-for-the-cgs-cup.aspx>)
- State of California ([http://ohv.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=25642](http://ohv.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=25642))

...and countless others. **A recreational shooting park operated by a city was even recognized** with a Program Excellence Award for Citizen Involvement (populations 50,000 and greater) nomination by the International City Management Association. (<http://webapps.icma.org/pm/images/awardsbooklet.pdf>)

## **2. Denying the permit would be a particular disservice to Carlsbad women.**

- Considering that women represent the fastest growing segment of recreational shooters (<http://www.utsandiego.com/news/2015/jan/21/shot-show-women-shooters/>, <http://www.bizjournals.com/stlouis/bizwomen/news/out-of-the-office/2014/04/i-am-the-gun-industry-s-fastest-growing-customer.html?page=all>) there is clearly a need to have a safe, modern facility to engage in recreational shooting close to where they live.
- It is absolutely in the interest of public safety to have firearms owners, particularly new recreational shooters, be able to learn firearms safety and to become proficient and safe in handling their firearms.
- Women deserve to have the opportunity to practice their firearms skills and learn firearms safety for the purpose of lawful self-defense.
- Carlsbad has already suffered a high-profile tragedy in the kidnapping and murder of one of its residents, Kathleen Scharbarth, who in November 2011 was kidnapped from her home on Via Puerta in Carlsbad, taken to a remote area, and strangled. This tragedy likely spurred women in Carlsbad to go through the legal steps to buy firearms for their own defense against similar attacks, and they deserve and need a place to practice safe firearm handling.
- Carlsbad has the highest percentage of female residents in the entire North County. It's higher than Vista, Oceanside, San Marcos, Escondido, Encinitas, Poway, San Diego (city) and the county as a whole. (Source: <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/06/0611194.html>)

Refusing to permit the range would be doing a disservice to women in Carlsbad and the surrounding area.

## **3. The proposed recreational range has received remarkably strong support from the public.**

As a local business owner, I would welcome a recreational target shooting range, such as the recreational range proposed by Lisa Gunther, to Carlsbad. It would provide me and my family, as well as visiting clients from out of town, the opportunity to engage in target practice and/or competition in a safe, enjoyable environment consistent with the upscale nature of Carlsbad. I have spoken with many other people who share this view, and hundreds of residents attended the Planning Commission meeting in February to show their support for the proposed range—an unprecedented turnout.

I urge you to correct the city staff member's error, and reverse the Planning Commission's subsequent action, without further delay.

Respectfully,

[SIGNED]

Jeff Lucia